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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT  
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND POLLOCK FISHERY CLOSURE  
KNIGHT ISLAND AND BAINBRIDGE SECTIONS  
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-E-03-13**

The directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in the Prince William Sound (PWS) Management Area Inside District opened January 20 with a fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) of 5.78 million pounds. The Inside District is divided into three sections: Hinchinbrook, Knight Island, and Bainbridge and the total harvest from a section is restricted to 60% of the GHL. The Hinchinbrook Section closed at 4:00 p.m. January 22 based upon the predicted achievement of the maximum 60% section harvest level.

Current preliminary harvest reports and harvest projections indicate the balance of the GHL will be taken by 12:00 midnight February 3, 2013. Therefore, **the directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl season in the Knight Island and Bainbridge Sections of the PWS Management Area will close at 12:00 midnight February 3, 2013** for the remainder of the calendar year.

This action effectively closes the PWS directed pollock trawl fishery for 2013.

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